

Friday, February 28, 2014

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4118–4136; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 494–496 were introduced. **Page H2097**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2098–99**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2824, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–364);

H.R. 3826, to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–365);

H.R. 163, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–366);

H.R. 931, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–367);

H.R. 2095, to prohibit an increase in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management until a centralized database of all lands identified as suitable for disposal by Resource Management Plans

for lands under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau is easily accessible to the public on a website of the Bureau, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–368);

H.R. 3492, to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–369);

H.R. 2259, to withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–370); and

H.R. 2126, to facilitate better alignment, cooperation, and best practices between commercial real estate landlords and tenants regarding energy efficiency in buildings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–371). **Page H2097**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2067**

Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 899, to provide for additional safeguards with respect to imposing Federal mandates, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 90. **Pages H2069–86**

Rejected the Garcia motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to

the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 89.

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Rejected:

Cummings amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–362) that sought to strike section 5 of the bill, which would eliminate the current exemption from the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act for certain independent agencies (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 86);

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Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–362) that sought to ensure that other impacted entities, such as public interest organizations, are provided any opportunity for consultation afforded to the private sector under the Act (by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 87); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–362) that sought to add Section 14 to the bill to clarify that the requirements of UMRA as amended by this Act do not apply if a cost-benefit analysis demonstrates that the benefits of the regulatory action exceed its costs (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 88).

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H. Res. 492, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, February 27th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 3rd at 12 noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2081–82, H2082, H2082–83, H2084–85, H2085–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FTC AT 100: VIEWS FROM THE ACADEMIC EXPERTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The FTC at 100: Views from the Academic Experts”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EQUITY MARKET STRUCTURE: A REVIEW OF SEC REGULATION NMS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Equity Market Structure: A

Review of SEC Regulation NMS”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a markup on H. Res. 488, supporting the people of Venezuela as they protest peacefully for democratic change and calling to end the violence. The resolution was ordered reported, to the Full Committee, as amended.

CRIMINAL CODE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Over-Criminalization held a hearing entitled “Criminal Code Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on discussion draft of legislation regarding Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act. Testimony was heard from Samuel D. Rauch III, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Samuel Pooley, Director, NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1786, the “National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Concerns Regarding FDA’s Proposed Changes to Generic Drug Labeling”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2641, the “Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development (RAPID) Act of 2013” and H.R. 2824, the “Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act”, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.